

MARGARET ANN NOLAN
Howard County, Maryland

Admitted to the practice of law in:

District Court for the District of Maryland, 1992 State of Maryland, June 5, 1989
District Court for the Northern District of Indiana, December 1, 1978 State of Indiana, October 12, 1978
District Court for the Southern District of Indiana, October 12, 1978 State of Washington, November 10, 1977

EMPLOYMENT

HOWARD COUNTY SOLICITOR, 2007 to present

Chief legal officer for Howard County, Maryland, representing Executive, Executive Branch agencies and the County Council in their official capacities. Supervise Assistant County Solicitors who provide advice and counsel in wide array of civil transactional and litigation matters on behalf of the County and its officers and employees.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, STATE OF MARYLAND, 1989 to 2007

Chief, Civil Litigation, 2004 to 2007

Supervised and litigated a variety of civil cases in State and federal courts on behalf of State agencies, public officials, and employees at trial and appellate levels. Prepared reports of all State litigation for auditors and for bond sales. Reviewed and approved any suits filed on behalf of State agencies and authorized settlements of civil litigation. Supervised the Civil Litigation Division, which represents State agencies and officials in complex and "high profile" litigation, such as those in which the Executive is a named defendant, civil rights cases seeking systemic change in the conduct of governmental operations, or suits challenging the constitutionality of a statute, regulation, or policy. Lawsuits include:

Baltimore Sun v. Ehrlich: challenge to Governor's directive banning State employees' contact with two newspaper reporters; State prevailed in federal district court and Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Retail Industry Leaders Association v. James Fielder: On behalf of Wal-Mart, a retailer association sued the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation in U.S. District Court to enjoin enforcement of the Maryland Fair Share Health Care Fund Act; plaintiffs prevailed in district court and Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Gitanjali Deane, et al., v. Frank M. Conaway, et al.: challenge to Maryland's marriage statute, Md. Code Ann. Fam. Law § 2-201, defining a lawful marriage to include only a man and a woman, on grounds that it constitutes gender discrimination in violation of Article 46 of the Maryland Declaration of Rights and that it denies equal protection and due process under Article 24 of the Declaration of Rights; decision pending at Maryland Court of Appeals.

Robin D. Grove v. Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., et al.: Suit challenging at will termination by employee alleging that Governor Ehrlich and others violated his constitutional rights by terminating his employment based on political affiliation. The case has spawned three interlocutory appeals relating to Grove's sweeping discovery requests; the State defendants have prevailed at the Court of Appeals.

Lamone v. State Board of Elections: mediated settlement of employment action and challenge to termination proceedings of administrator of State Board of Elections.

Deputy Counsel, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, 1997 to 2004

Responsible for legal representation provided to a Department with annual budget in excess of \$5 billion and 8,000 employees in numerous areas including public health, Medicaid, licensing and monitoring of over 8,000 health care facilities, health professional licensure and discipline, food control, laboratories, personnel, and procurement. Responsible, with principal counsel and another deputy, for management of office and oversight of 40 attorneys handling approximately 1500 cases in judicial and administrative forums, including appellate litigation, and providing legal counsel and advice in regulatory and legislative matters.

Represented State as co-counsel and lead counsel in lawsuits in circuit court, U.S. District Court, and State appellate courts, including challenges under the Open Meetings Act, the APA and the State Health Plan; represented State in Department of Justice investigation under the Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act (CRIPA) and in 29 Office of Civil Rights complaint investigations relating to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Coordinated legal advice to Department regarding all pending legislation.

Counsel, Office for Children, Youth, and Families, 1991 to 1997

Maryland State Department of Education, 1992 to 1997

Deputy Counsel, Maryland State Department of Education, 1994 to 1997

Provided advice and counsel regarding development and implementation of State policy affecting public school systems and children and family services provided by the State; administrative and court litigation; drafting and analysis of legislation; preparation of opinion and advice letters.

Supervised litigation as Deputy Counsel for the Maryland State Department of Education, and assisted in day-to-day administration of this OAG unit, including planning, personnel and budget matters. Co-counsel in *Bradford v. State*, lawsuit filed by Baltimore City, the ACLU, and the Maryland Disabilities Law Center (MDLC) challenging the constitutionality of the education provided to Baltimore City Public School students. Responsibilities included all phases of trial preparation, supervision of other counsel, settlement negotiations, drafting legislation, testimony before Maryland General Assembly, and advice and counsel to State Board of Education, State Superintendent of Schools, Governor's Office, and General Assembly.

Served as counsel, as Assistant Attorney General, to the Office for Children, Youth, and Families, including:

Governor's Council on Adolescent Pregnancy, 1990-1997

Maryland Infant and Toddlers Program, providing statewide system for provision of health and other services for children with disabilities, birth to three years old, 1989-1997 "Maryland Making the Grade," initiative funded by the Robert Wood Johnson foundation for the establishment of school-based health centers within Maryland, 1996-1997

Subcabinet for Children, Youth and Families' Committee to implement Chapter 192, Laws of Maryland, 1992 (State Plan to return and divert children from out-of-state residential placements)

State Coordinating Council, responsible for approving expenditure of State funds for residential placement of children with disabilities, 1993-1997

Governor's Commission on Legal Services Contracts, Member

Governor's Task Force on Children, Youth and Families Systems Reform, member

Governor's Transition Team for Systems Reform, member

Subcabinet Committees to Develop and Implement Interagency Information System, 1994-1995, Chairman (developed recommendations and proposed legislation, prepared and delivered legislative testimony and assisted in the implementation of enacted legislation, codified as Art. 49D, §10)

Maryland Community Benefits Network, member and counsel (public-private partnership to develop and implement software to screen for eligibility for public benefits)

Counsel to the Maryland Office on Aging, 1989 to 1992

Provided legal representation to Office and Director of Office, including advice and counsel on development and implementation of State policy affecting older adults, drafting and review of regulations and legislation, testimony and advice to General Assembly.

Attorney, Private Practice, 1983 to 1988

Engaged in the general private practice of law, primarily civil litigation and administrative claims, including workman's compensation, Medicaid, Medicare, disability claims, domestic law, juvenile law, wills and guardianships.

1985 to 1988: Bartlett and Robb, 710 Brown Street, P.O. Box 407, Lafayette, IN 47902

1983 to 1985: Law Offices of Margaret Ann Nolan, 117 North Fourth Street, Lafayette, IN 47901; of counsel to Dickson, Reiling, Teder, and Withered

Attorney, Legal Services Program of Northern Indiana, Lafayette, Indiana, 1978 to 1982

Specialized in administrative law and legal problems of older adults, including: Social Security, Medicare, Medical insurance, nursing homes, Medicaid, and other local, state, and federal entitlement programs.

Conducted legal education and outreach activities to seniors and provided legal and technical assistance to multi-county Council on Aging.

Represented clients in administrative hearings before local, state, and federal administrative bodies, and in state and federal court actions.

Served as chief counsel and co-counsel in individual and class actions in Indiana and U.S. District courts.

Law Clerk to Judge George H. Revell, Chief Judge, King County, Washington Superior Court, Seattle, WA, 1977 to 1978

Performed research, prepared memoranda and jury instructions; fulfilled general administrative responsibilities for state trial court of general jurisdiction for civil, criminal, domestic, motions, juvenile and civil commitment calendars; made presentations with Judge Revell to Washington State Trial Judges Association, students, and inmates at correctional facilities regarding jury instructions, sentencing and the judicial process.

Legal Intern, Legal Aid Society, University of Washington School of Law, 1976 to 1977

Provided legal services to University of Washington students

Social Work Assistant, Maryland State Department of Human Resources, 1973 to 1975

Psychological Technician, Johns Hopkins Hospital Cortical Function Laboratory, January-June 1973

EDUCATION

University of Washington School of Law, J.D., June 1976

Attended: 1975 to 1976 (transferred from University of Maryland School of Law)

University of Maryland School of Law Attended: August, 1973 through December, 1974

Honors and Activities:

Appellate Advocacy Program Regional Moot Court Competition, Fall 1976 and Spring, 1976

John L. Thomas Scholarship, awarded for use at University of Maryland School of Law, 1975-1976

Goucher College, B.A., June, 1973

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Trustee, Bar Foundation for Howard County, Maryland, Inc.

Fellow, Bar Foundation for Howard County, Maryland, Inc.

Fellow, Maryland Bar Foundation

Member, Howard County Bar Association

Member, Women's Bar Association of Maryland

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Member, Board of Directors, Notre Dame Preparatory School

Member, Equal Justice Council, Legal Aid of Maryland

Tutor, Samuel Coleridge Taylor Elementary School, BCPS, 2003-2004 academic year

President, Font Hill Community Association, 2001 to 2004

Girl Scouts of Central Maryland, Leader, 1993 to 2004

Girl Scouts of Central Maryland, volunteer, 1989 to 1993

Montessori School of Greater Lafayette, Indiana, member Board of Directors and Counsel, 1986-1989

Crisis Center, Lafayette, Indiana, Board of Directors, 1988-1989

Central Indiana Health Systems Agency, Board member, 1979-1980